

St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Malden

Sunday 16th July 2017
Fifteenth Ordinary Sunday

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Sunday Readings Year A
Divine Office Week 3

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

(Sat.) 6.00pm Vigil Mass
9.30am Mass
11.30am Solemn Mass
5.30pm Mass



WELCOME ARCHBISHOP PETER!

Today we celebrate our Confirmation Mass at 11.30am, when Archbishop Peter Smith will confer this Sacrament on 42 of our young parishioners. We welcome & thank His Grace and Fr Philip Glandfield for being with us in our parish today, as we pray for our young Confirmandi and congratulate them on this special day.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 17th 7 & 10am Mass
Feria

Tuesday 18th *NB. No 7am Mass today*
Feria 10am Mass

Wednesday 19th 10am Mass
Feria

Thursday 20th 7 & 10am Mass
Feria, or St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

Friday 21st 7 & 10am Mass
Feria, or St Lawrence of Brindisi,
Priest & Doctor of the Church

Saturday 22nd 10am Mass
St Mary Magdalene (Feast) *

OTHER SERVICES

Rosary: Monday- Saturday
after the 10am Mass (except Thurs)

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays
from 10am Mass, all day, until 9pm.

CONFESSIONS

Thursday 6.30 - 7.30pm;
Saturdays 10.30 - 11.30 & 5.15 - 5.45.

READINGS AT MASS

Sundays Year A; Weekdays cycle 1

This Sun: Isaiah 55:10-11;
Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23
M. Ex 1:8-14,22; Matt 10:34 - 11:1
T. Ex 2:1-15; Matthew 11:20-24
W. Ex 3:1-6,9-12; Matt 11:25-27
Th. Ex 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30
F. Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Matthew 12:1-8
S. Song of Songs 3:1-4, or
2 Cor 5:14-17; John 20:1-2,11-18 *
Next Sun: Wisdom 12:13,16-19;
Rom 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43
16th Ordinary Sunday (Year A)

ROTAS Team 3 today;
Team 4 next Sunday 23rd July

COLLECTIONS last weekend:
Gift Aid Standing Orders £ 1,096
+Gift Aid weekly envelopes £ 535
+Cash £551 = Parish total £ 2,182

Apostleship of the Sea £ 273.71

Google "Catholic Mass times"
for your holiday area,
as we all still need to be
at Sunday Mass.
God is not on holiday!

FHC APPLICATION FORMS for 2018: Completed forms are to be returned to the Parish Office by today Sunday 16th July, or tomorrow Monday, 17th at the very latest.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SIGN UP - If you would like your child/children to attend Children's Liturgy this coming September, there is a final opportunity to put their name down, today Sunday 16th July (in the corridor outside the hall) after 9.30am Mass only. If you miss this session, you can email: stjosephschildre slit@yahoo.com. Children's Liturgy is now on the summer break and will return in September.

CONFIRMATION 2019 - It has been decided that the age for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation should revert to 14 or over, as in previous years. To achieve this, and so that nobody misses out, the next Confirmation Mass will take place in 2019, for all those in Year 9 or above in September 2018. However, application forms will be available from Spring of 2018, and the course will start after Easter of the same year. This means the course will effectively run for a year, but will be more spread out. There will be further announcements nearer the time when the applications are made available.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: takes place every first Sunday of the month in church, with the exception of August and November. Everybody welcome - please invite your friends from other parishes.

FR UCHE: would like to say a big 'thank you' to all friends and parishioners for their cards, gifts and good wishes on the occasion of his 50th Birthday, last Thursday, 13th July. He assures you all of his continued prayers and blessings.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK: Sun. (Sat) 6pm Pat Ryder RIP, 9.30 People of the Parish, 11.30 John Charles Sampson RIP, 5.30 Matthew O'Mara; Mon. 7. Souad Nanes RIP, 10. Parents of Bill Wills (RIP) & Bill's sister; Tue. 10. Thanksgiving - Thorogood Family; Wed. 10. Therese Hoey; Thurs. 7. Carmela Cangi RIP, 10. R Coelho RIP; Fri. 7. Private Intention, 10. Fedele Pederzoli RIP; Sat. 10. Winifred Ashcroft RIP; Next Sun. (Sat) 6pm People of the Parish, 9.30 Joao Neves RIP, 11.30 Ruby Gaudencio RIP, 5.30 Fr David Hutton RIP. (Please see back page for more about 'Requesting a Mass Intention').

SHRINE LAMPS: Our Lady: For all Carmelites; Patrick Murray
Sacred Heart: Teresa Wright RIP;
St Joseph: The Roberts Family Intentions
St Thomas More / St Anthony: Brenda Corrie's Wellbeing
St Therese / St John Fisher: Therese Hoey

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9.30am - 12.30pm - so weekday mornings are the best time to call.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS - SUMMER 2017

For King and Country Wed 19th July, 6pm. Catholics and politics: St Thomas More, Guy Fawkes, Pugin, Parliament and the Abbey. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria.

The King's Good Servant Tuesday 25th July, 6pm. The story of the heroic St Thomas More. Meet at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Chelsea. Nearest Tube: Sloane Square or South Kensington.

ALTAR SERVERS SUMMER BREAK 2017 - Tues 8th - Fri 11th Aug at Woldingham, Surrey. Cost £135, for all Altar Servers aged 10-15. Meeting in a holiday atmosphere, activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, a trip to Chessington World of Adventures, Laser Elite & Swimming. Ask Fr Uche for a flyer after Mass if you're interested.

R.E. TEACHER VACANCY at Holy Cross School. Please see poster.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY at St. Joseph's offers practical help to support individuals and families in serious need.

If you know anyone who might benefit from this confidential service, there is now a box with referral forms in the church porch (on the noticeboard on the left as you come out) along with envelopes for posting them through the presbytery door. You can also apply to join the SVP on the same form.

We are particularly keen to learn of housebound parishioners who would appreciate being able to participate more in the life of the parish. We hope to start a transport service to bring them to Mass and social events. However, we need to recruit more volunteer drivers – some to offer lifts in their own cars and some to train as accessible minibus drivers - more information on request.

Please let us know if you think you might be able to help.

WEDDINGS: Please make sure you give us at least 6 months' notice when applying to get married in a Catholic Church.

BAPTISMS: Usually these take place on the 1st Saturday of the month, but other dates can be agreed should there be the need. Please ring the Parish Office for enquiries.

REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION: If you know the date you would like a Mass Intention for, please request it as far ahead as possible, and we will endeavour to accommodate the date asked for. If an urgent need for prayer arises, we will do our best to shift an existing Intention, with the agreement of the donor of course.

MASS INTENTIONS & SHRINE LAMP INTENTIONS: envelopes are available at the back of church. Please return via the Presbytery letter box or hand to one of the clergy.

WEBSITE: If your parish group's details need mentioning / updating on our website please email the webmaster at: patheery@hotmail.com

BILLINGS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: for confidential time with our Parish's Natural Family Planning advisers, who are also involved in our Marriage Preparation Programmes, please ring Jean on 07749 392621 for an appointment.

APPOINTMENTS: For appointments with Fr Uche, or for any other queries, please ring the Parish Office during office hours (see front page of the bulletin for times).

SAINTS DURING THIS WEEK

ST MARY MAGDALEN

(Feast day Saturday 22nd July)

Mary of Magdala was healed of "seven devils" by Jesus. She ministered to him in Galilee and was present at his crucifixion. She was in the group of women who were the first to discover the empty tomb, and it was to her that the risen Jesus first appeared.

The Western tradition is that Mary Magdalene is also "the woman who was a sinner" and the sister of Martha and Lazarus of Bethany. There is no evidence either way, and the tradition is tenuous enough for even such authorities as St Ambrose to hold, with the East, that they are three different people. It seems, therefore, that although the Western tradition is to be respected and is a real inspiration, it may not necessarily be historical. This kind of ambiguity is inevitable in a religion such as Christianity, which is founded on definite historical events, but we need not worry about it too much: if it had been harmful to us to celebrate the tradition of heroic penitence, the Holy Spirit would not have allowed it.

Even without the extra tradition, Mary Magdalene is a unique and important character in the story of the Resurrection, chosen by Christ as one of the first witnesses of the event that changed the world.

ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI (1559 - 1619)

He was born in Brindisi, joined the Capuchin Friars, and studied at the University of Padua, where he learned a number of languages (including Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Syriac, French, and German) and acquired a deep knowledge of the Bible.

His principal vocation was preaching. He preached all over Europe, not just to Catholics but to Protestants (because of his knowledge of Scripture) and to Jews (because of his knowledge of Hebrew). He wrote many sermons, commentaries, and works of controversy in support of this vocation.

His administrative talents meant that he also held a number of high administrative offices in the Capuchin order. He was also entrusted with many important diplomatic missions. On one of these, he not only persuaded the German princes to help defend Hungary from the invading Turks, but also led their troops into battle, armed only with a crucifix. He was engaged in another delicate mission, to plead the cause of the oppressed people of Naples to King Philip III of Spain, when he died in Lisbon.

For Laurence of Brindisi, preaching was the most important task of his life; but he took care to ensure that his preaching was backed by sound learning, so that he could preach *to* and not *at* his audiences. Let us take care that our own apostolate is similarly well founded.